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SUBJ: [] REPORT - 4 MARCH - FROM []

1. PARTY OF TWELVE DELIVERED TO WING SITE APPROX 1030L TODAY BY MARINE H-46 COPTER. PARTY EQUIPPED TO REMAIN AREA UNTIL WING IS READY FOR HELICOPTER PICK UP. COMMUNICATION WITH CAMP IS NOW BY VHF BETWEEN U-3 AIRCRAFT AND GROUND AT 0900, 1200 AND 1500 LOCAL DAILY UNTIL OPERATION IS COMPLETE. AM ATTEMPTING AN ALTERNATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS. WILL ADVISE IF IT WORKS.

2. MARINE HELICOPTER PILOT WHO DELIVERED PARTY WILL ALSO PICK UP WING. THIS PILOT RECOMMENDS THAT ONCE WING IS PICKED UP THAT IT BE DELIVERED TO CLOSEST POSSIBLE PLACE WE CAN LOCATE A FLAT BED. I ACCEPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION AND HAVE SELECTED THE [] AS THE SITE FOR TRANSFERRING THE WING FROM CHOPPER TO TRUCK. AM POSITIONING 40 FOOT FLAT BED WITH THREE AIR BAGS AND AIR COMPRESSOR AT [] ON 5 MARCH.

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3. ON 5 MARCH WE ARE WALKING INTO WING SITE ONE LAC STRUCTURAL ENGINEER ACCOMPAINED BY A SURVIVAL TECH. PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS TO OBTAIN CERTAIN MEASUREMENTS.

4. WX IN AREA EARLY TODAY HAS BEEN CLEAR. WINDS AVERAGE ABOUT 30 KNOTS FROM THE EAST. ABOUT ONE FOOT OF SNOW IN AREA. CLOUDS AND PERCEPITATION FORECASTED FOR AREA ON 5 ^AM_ARCH AN^P_A 6 MARCH. WE CAN EXPECT MORE SNOW DURING THIS PERIOD. WX REPORT FROM PILOT OF U-3 IN AIRCRAFT AT 1500L TODAY INDICATED THAT CLOUDS ARE ALREADY MOVING IN.

5. REPORT FROM GROUND CREW AT WING SITE 1500L TODAY INDICATED THAT THEY ESTIMATED WING WILL BE READY FOR PICK LATE 5 MARCH. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE PICK UP SOONEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, WX PERMITTING.

6. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR OTHER PORTIONS OF ART 342 AS SOON AS THE SNOW COVERAGE ON THE GROUND MELTS TO THAT DEGREE WHICH APPROX, OR IS LESS THAN THE COVERAGE WHICH EXISTED ON 25 FEB.

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